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## **FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SENTENCED FOR TAKING KICKBACKS**

Jacksonville, FL - Today U.S. District Judge Virginia Hernandez Covington sentenced Allen Clark, the former Regional Director of the Florida Department of Corrections, to 31 months' imprisonment for accepting approximately \$135,000 in kickbacks related to the execution of a state contract. Clark received a reduced sentence because of his extensive cooperation with the government. Yesterday James Vernon Crosby, the former Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, was sentenced to eight (8) years' imprisonment by Judge Covington. Crosby and Clark pleaded guilty in July 2006 to accepting approximately \$135,000 from another person, intending to be influenced or rewarded in connection with official business of the Florida Department of Corrections.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the United States Attorney's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and Florida Attorney General Office of Statewide Prosecution. This case was prosecuted by Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt and Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Pashayan.